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To Co-insurers

**Re: Agency Managers
Citizen Casualty (Liquidation)
Liquidators plan to expedite.**

Citizens Casualty has been in liquidation since 1971 and now the liquidator wants to wind up the estate.

Mendes and Mount have been asked to review the latest developments. Their reports in this regard are enclosed along with copies of the notice from the liquidator and a handout from BD Cook, obtained during a leaders meeting.

Should any of our co insurers have any queries, please contact the undersigned.

.Yours truly

Mark Messent

SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

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In the Matter of the Arbitration Between

NATIONWIDE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY,

Index No.:

Petitioner,

**PETITION TO
STAY ARBITRATION**

and

B.D. COOKE & PARTNERS LTD. AS ASSIGNEE OF
CITIZENS CASUALTY COMPANY OF NEW YORK
(IN LIQUIDATION),

Respondent.

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Petitioner Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company (“Nationwide”) alleges the following
upon information and belief by its attorneys, Rubin, Fiorella & Friedman, LLP:

The Parties

1. Nationwide is an insurance company organized under the laws of the State of Ohio which maintains a principal place of business in Columbus, Ohio. Nationwide is duly admitted as a property and casualty insurer in the State of New York.
2. Respondent B.D. Cooke & Partners Ltd. (“Cooke”) is organized under the laws of the United Kingdom and maintains a principal place of business in London, England. Cooke is in the business of insurance/reinsurance and has done insurance business in the State of New York.

Jurisdiction

3. This Court has jurisdiction of this Petition pursuant to CPLR Article 75 and the Corrected Order of this Court dated March 6, 1997 (the “Order”) and the Petition of Edward J. Muhl for approval of the Plan to Expedite the Closing of Citizens Casualty Company of New York (the “1996 Petition”) which is incorporated by reference in the Order. Copies of the Order and the 1996 Petition are Exhibits B and D to the accompanying Affidavit of Mark C. Kareken, Esq. (the “Kareken Aff.”).

Venue

4. Venue is proper pursuant to CPLR 7502(a) since New York City is the location of the arbitration demanded by Cooke and sought to be stayed by Nationwide.

First Cause of Action

5. Nationwide repeats and realleges above paragraphs 1 through 4 hereto as if set forth in full.

6. By letter dated December 26, 2001 (the “Arbitration Demand”), Cooke demanded arbitration against Nationwide with respect to reinsurance reimbursement purportedly due Cooke, by reason of an Assignment of certain rights dated June 25, 1997 (the “Assignment”)

from the Liquidator of Citizens Casualty Company of New York ("Citizens"). Copies of the Arbitration Demand and the Assignment are Exhibits A and C to the Kareken Aff.

7. Nationwide has not participated in the arbitration sought by Cooke.
8. Nationwide has neither made nor received an application to compel arbitration.
9. None of the agreements cited in the Arbitration Demand is between Nationwide and Cooke or between Nationwide and Citizens, the assignor of Cooke.
10. None of the three purported arbitration provisions cited or quoted in the Arbitration Demand require Nationwide to arbitrate any dispute with Cooke or with Citizens, the assignor of Cooke.
11. By reason of the foregoing, Nationwide is entitled to a stay of arbitration under CPLR 7503(b), on the ground that Cooke has not identified any valid agreement which requires Nationwide to arbitrate the underlying dispute in this proceeding.

Second Cause of Action

12. Nationwide repeats and realleges above paragraphs 1 through 4 and 6 through 10 as if set forth in full.

13. Even if there were an applicable arbitration provision with respect to the parties and the underlying dispute in this proceeding, Cooke would still not be entitled to demand arbitration because this Court has continuing jurisdiction over this dispute.

14. Any arguable right of Cooke to seek arbitration against Nationwide results from the Assignment of certain rights of Citizens by the Liquidator of Citizens pursuant to the Assignment. A copy of the Assignment is Exhibit C to the Kareken Aff.

15. The Assignment states that it is subject to the Order:

This assignment is authorized by and subject to the Order of the Honorable Edward Greenfield, Justice of the Supreme Court, New York County, dated February 11, 1997 (Index No. 40357/71 as corrected March 6, 1997. The meaning of the terms and provisions of this assignment shall have the same meaning as contained in the Petition and Plan set forth in the Petition verified on October 11, 1996. [Emphasis added].

Exhibit C to the Kareken Aff. at 3.

16. The Order states in relevant part:

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Petition is granted;
2. The Plan is approved;
3. In accordance with the Plan:

* * *

(d) the Liquidator's assignment to the B.D. Cooke Poole of the reinsurance due to Citizens is approved in the manner described in the Petition. [Emphasis added].

Exhibit B to the Kareken Aff. at page 3.

17. The 1996 Petition states, among other things, that:

The order approving the Petition shall also provide that the Supreme Court of the State of New York, New York County, shall have continuing jurisdiction over any disputes concerning the assignments and transfers described above and their effect, except said Court shall not resolve disputes solely involving computations of amounts due thereunder. The Liquidator shall not be a necessary party in any such future proceeding. [Emphasis added].

Exhibit D to the Kareken Aff. §19(e) at page 12.

18. The instant dispute involves, among other things, the meaning and effect of the Assignment and its effect upon the various contractual obligations and defenses of Cooke and Nationwide.

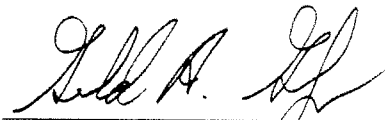
19. By reason of the foregoing, Nationwide is entitled to a stay of the arbitration sought by Nationwide on the ground that this Court has jurisdiction of the instant dispute.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner Nationwide asks that an order and judgment be entered staying the arbitration sought by Respondent Cooke and granting Nationwide the costs and disbursements of this proceeding and such other and further relief as may be just and equitable.

Dated: New York, New York
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MARK C. KAREKEN, ESQ., being duly sworn, deposes and says:

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Deponent further says that the sources of his information and the grounds of his belief as to the

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Sworn to before me this
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Re: Arbitration Between B.D. Cooke & Partners Ltd and Nationwide Mutual Ins.
Co., AAA Arbitration No. 50 T 195 00006 2 (The "AAA Arbitration")

Nationwide Mutual Insurance Co. v. B.D. Cooke & Partners Ltd., Index No.
02/101043 (The "Special Proceeding")

Dear Gerry:

This sets forth the proposal we have discussed regarding the above-referenced matters.

1. The parties agree that the AAA Arbitration shall be stayed until and including February 19, 2002. The parties will instruct the AAA that no action whatsoever, including but not limited to the selection of arbitrators, is to be taken in the AAA Arbitration before February 20, 2002. I will advise the AAA in writing of this agreement and instruction on behalf of both parties.
2. The parties agree that the Special Proceeding is stayed until and including February 19, 2002. The parties further agree that the return date of the Notice and Petition To Stay Arbitration filed therein is adjourned until and including February 19, 2002.
3. Nationwide has represented that no Request For Judicial Intervention has been filed in the Special Proceeding, and B.D. Cooke accepts and relies upon that representation. Nationwide agrees that it shall not file a Request For Judicial Intervention in the Special Proceeding before February 20, 2002.
4. B.D. Cooke will file and serve a complaint in the Supreme Court of the State of New York for New York County on or before February 19, 2002

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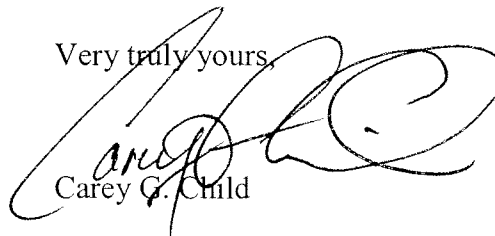
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(the "New Action"). B.D. Cooke will endeavor to have the New Action assigned to the Commercial Part and Nationwide will assist in that effort as needed. Rubin, Fiorella & Friedman LLP is authorized to accept, and will accept, service of the New Action on behalf of Nationwide.

5. Upon the filing of the New Action, B.D. Cooke will withdraw without prejudice its demand for arbitration in the AAA Arbitration, with each party to bear its own costs.
6. Upon the filing of the New Action, Nationwide will dismiss the Special Proceeding without prejudice, with each party to bear its own costs.
7. Other than the New Action, neither party will commence or file any other action, proceeding, or arbitration regarding the subject matter of the AAA Arbitration or the Special Proceeding before February 20, 2002.

If these terms are acceptable, please indicate your agreement by countersigning in the space provided below, with a copy to me by return facsimile.

Very truly yours,



Carey G. Child

Agreed:

Gerald A. Greenberger
on behalf of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company